

JMPHS Board Meeting Notes: 8/17/17

Start time: 5:30pm

Members Present:

- Annette Johnson (Vice President)
- Justin Davis (President)
- Jimmy Durst
- Shelly Renfro (Treasurer)
- Bo Hardee (Legal Counsel)
- Julia Waldrep

Administrators Present:

- Scot Bunch (Principal)
- James Johnson (Assistant Principal)

Call to Order - Justin Davis

Opening Encouragement - Jimmy Durst

I. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes were reflected on by Justin Davis
- Motion to approve by Justin Davis
 - Seconded by Annette
 - Unanimously approved by all members

II. Financial Update

- Reflected on by Justin Davis as emailed by Dr. Gibson
- Shelley Renfro discussed that there was a loss situation that came but the material was covered by Dr. Gibson and that when state funding comes in from the state that the debt that was borrowed from the Foundation will be repaid.
- Justin Davis recommended a calendarized cash flow statement so as to not feel like certain expenditures were not a surprise and that the Board could see it coming.
- Shelley Renfro reflected that Dr. Gibson create a simple workflow to allow those who are not conversant in fiscal matters could understand it better.
- Financials were closed out by Justin Davis without further comment.
- Motion to approve by Jimmy Durst
 - Seconded by Annette Johnson

III. Teacher Time

- Patrick White informed that Graduation would be at NFCC on May 26th, 2018. James Johnson and Patrick White are working to secure the building for that time as well as practices on Thursday and Friday
 - He also noted that some parents are already complaining about a closed venue and the number of tickets as opposed to an outdoor venue with unlimited tickets for seniors.

- He explained that the weather in that time of year is unpredictable and uncomfortable. The Graduation from last year was very professional and went over very well. He
- Patrick White explained that Baccalaureate take place the Tuesday the week before Graduation so that students will have time to completely iron out their superlatives in case they lose them in the time period from Awards Night and Baccalaureat.
 - The goal was to combine them.
 - Julia Waldrep recommended that we pin down these dates and let the District School Board know those dates so that they can have it on their calendar.
- Donna Law expressed gratitude for the JMPHS School Board spending money on giving her a second classroom to have labs in.

IV. Review of Grant Opportunities

- Justin Davis passed out a list of what grants are being pursued by the school grant writer which was being co-worked on by himself, Scot Bunch, and Dr. Amy Gibson.
 - The spreadsheet reflected what each grant was, what it would cover if awarded, what the dollar amount was, and what was required to apply for the grant.
 - It is the decision of the Board to decide which ones to apply for and put our energies toward. Dr. Gibson had made recommendations via email that she work with the staff of the school and then make general recommendations to the board.
 - He continued to reflect that the number of grants is small now so that process is not needed but if a large number of grants becomes available that this process might need to be implemented.
 - Dr. Gibson also elaborated that we should focus via email that we should focus on the most valued grant rather than the due date. Justin Davis thought this train of thought was valuable since it requires more work.
 - He suggested that have the board make a recommendation as to which they felt was more valuable use of their time.
 - Dr. Gibson suggested that she write the smaller grants since the fee to pay the grant writer was a significant portion of the dollar amount awarded. This would save the school money.
 - Scot Bunch reflected that James Johnson and he would be the ones that are actually collecting the materials to write into the grant and that it would not be such a burden on the teachers as a result.
 - Justin Davis added that the Board may need to make a decision on which ones to pursue first before the next board meeting. They agreed that they would look at the list and make a recommendation via email or call a special meeting.
- Julia Waldrep added that the smaller ones were actually awarded to the teacher rather than to the school. With this in mind it needs to have the input of the teacher who would be overseeing the funds if they are awarded.
 - Justin Davis supplied some examples of what the staff could do for the school, the community, or receive training that they would then bring back that information to the school. Julia Waldrep offered some agricultural examples as well.
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V. Current Enrollment

- Scot Bunch explained that we currently have 193 students and that some are on the waiting list to be called in and that others were having parent conferences to explain that our environment is not the best.
 - 50 Fresh
 - 50 Soph
 - 51 Juniors
 - 42 Seniors
 - Some of these will be mid-year promotions so we will end up with some openings with Juniors and Sophomores.
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VI. Facility Update

- Scot Bunch explained that the new building will need to have a wall built around the computer section of the Engineering Lab.
 - The materials were purchased by the school and the engineering classes will construct it.
- Some classrooms need extra desks, tables, and chairs.
- The agriculture classes are requesting a greenhouse that will be paid for by a grant if it comes through.
- Scot met with a local farmer who is doing organic farming that uses automated farming using technology to give our engineering and agriculture classes a field trip to visit.
 - The farmer's wife was a West Point graduate and a head of security whom he would like to have come to be a guest speaker at the school.
 - To make this visit and others like it we would like to begin seeking a grant or donor to purchase a large van to transport students. This would benefit other classes and clubs as well.

VII. Other items

- Justin Davis asked if there are other items that needed to be discussed and Scot Bunch reflected that
- Shelley Renfro asked how the supply list went and Scot Explained that it went poorly with no one contributing to the list.
 - They are requesting that parents and donors sponsor a Chromebook each
- Scot explained that the new printer in the new guidance office is set up and working well.
- Bo Hardee explained that a fundraiser opportunity would be to 3D print Fidget Spinners and sell them.
- Scot Bunch explained that our Engineering Club would like to purchase a laser engraver and a banner maker to sell services in the community because they would pay off the items and raise money for the school.
- Scot Bunch explained another project that the engineering department is going to be building and selling storage buildings and picnic tables to teach the students how to build them and to raise fund.

Next meeting was set on September 21st by Justin Davis and was unanimously approved.

Adjournment was called by Justin Davis and unanimously approved.